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A mini guide by the staff of Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



Species of clownfish

These popular fish are found in the shallow waters of coral reefs. They protect themselves from predators by hiding among anemones that have stinging tentacles. The body of a clownfish is covered in a special mucus, so it doesn't get stung by the anemones. Some clownfish even change gender from male to female!



Tomato clownfish



Saddleback clownfish



Clown anemonefish

Whale shark



The whale shark is the largest fish in the world. It can grow to more than 10 meters in length. It is about the size of a large bus. Its body is large, but it feeds on tiny zooplankton. When it feeds, it opens its mouth wide and sucks in the surrounding water along with its food. It has a mesh-like filter in its mouth that filters the food and sea water. It can then eat the food, while the sea water is filtered out through the gills. When its food is concentrated near the surface, it swims upright and quickly sucks in the food above it.

Pristigenys meyeri

(Scientific name)



This fish has red and white stripes, and distinctive large eyes. It lives in deep waters. Its large eyes allow it to see in the dark conditions of the deep sea. When it finds food, it opens its large mouth and swallows its prey whole.

